

PUBLIC NOTICE – PROPOSED ENVIRONMENTAL REMEDY

DATE OF THIS NOTICE: April 14, 2021

PURPOSE OF THIS NOTICE: The Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) is announcing its proposed remedy under the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, as amended (RCRA), for the MW Manufacturers Inc. facility in Rocky Mount, Virginia (Facility). DEQ's proposed remedy consists of the following components: 1) continue to monitor groundwater in accordance with a DEQ-approved groundwater monitoring plan until corrective action objectives have been met; and 2) maintain compliance with land use restrictions and institutional controls that will be imposed by an environmental covenant.

FACILITY DESCRIPTION:

The Facility is an active windows manufacturing operation located on an approximately 38.7-acre property located at 433 North Main Street, within the Town of Rocky Mount, Franklin County, Virginia. The Facility has been an industrial-use site since the early 1900s and has been manufacturing windows since at least 1943. Current operations include woodworking, treating wood surfaces, glass cutting/cleaning, fabricating vinyl, and assembling windows, screens, and doors.

The Facility is subject to the United States Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Corrective Action Program under the Solid Waste Disposal Act, as amended by RCRA, and the Hazardous and Solid Waste Amendments (HSWA) of 1984, 42 U.S.C. § 6901 et seq. (Corrective Action Program). In a March 2008 Final RCRA Site Visit Report, fifteen Solid Waste Management Units (SWMUs) and one Area of Concern (AOC) were identified. On September 12, 2011, MW Manufacturers Inc. entered into a 3008(h) Facility Administrative Order on Consent, docket No. RCRA-03-2011-0182CA (Order) with the EPA which required the Facility to perform site-wide corrective action. During the preparation of the Description of Current Conditions prepared in 2011, three additional AOCs were added to the list of "SWMUs and AOCs" identified during the RFA. Based on available information, site records, and previous investigations, five SWMUs and three AOCS (various underground storage tanks and wood preservative dip tanks) as well as an unnamed stream, located at the southwestern property boundary, were further evaluated during the Phase 1 RCRA Facility Investigation (RFI) which was completed in 2013. The Phase 1 RFI Report was submitted in December 2015. The Phase 2 RFI and the Human Health Risk Assessment and Baseline Ecological Risk Assessment were submitted in October 2018. There are no current risks to potentially exposed populations or ecological receptors based on current industrial land use, current Facility operations, and existing engineering controls. There is only a future potential risk if the site's land use or operating conditions change. Considering existing conditions, potential short-term risk and disturbance to operations with no long-term benefit associated with active remedial alternatives; DEQ has concurred that land use controls and risk management is the preferred remedy.

INFORMATION AVAILABILITY:

A Statement of Basis describing DEQ's proposed decision is available on DEQ's website at <https://www.deq.virginia.gov/permits-regulations/public-notices/land-protection>.

The Administrative Record, which contains all the information considered in DEQ's proposed decision, is available for review by contacting Ryan Kelly, Corrective Action Project Manager, DEQ Office of Remediation Programs, PO Box 1105, Richmond, VA 23218; Phone: 804-698-4045; E-mail: ryan.kelly@deq.virginia.gov.

COMMENT PROCESS:

Persons wishing to comment on DEQ's proposed decision must submit comments to DEQ within the 30-day comment period ending May 14, 2021. Interested persons may also request a public meeting on the proposed remedy. All comments and/or requests for a meeting must be submitted in writing, via mail or fax or email to the DEQ Project Manager, Ryan Kelly, as listed above and must be received prior to May 14, 2021. All comments will be considered in making a final decision.

FINAL DECISION:

DEQ will make a final decision after considering all comments, consistent with applicable RCRA requirements and regulations. If the decision is substantially unchanged from the one in this notice, DEQ will issue a final decision and inform all persons who submitted written comments or requested notice of DEQ's final determination. If the final decision is significantly different from the one proposed, DEQ will issue a public notice explaining the new decision and will reopen the comment period.